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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Pope John Paul II
3 Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds that Pope John Paul II—

6 (1) is the spiritual leader of more than one bil-
7 lion Catholic Christians around the world and mil-
8 lions of Catholic Christians in America and has led
9 the Catholic Church into its third millennium;

10 (2) is recognized in the United States and
11 abroad as a preeminent moral authority;

12 (3) has dedicated his Pontificate to the freedom
13 and dignity of every individual human being and
14 tirelessly traveled to the far reaches of the globe as
15 an exemplar of faith;

16 (4) has brought hope to millions of people all
17 over the world oppressed by poverty, hunger, illness,
18 and despair;

19 (5) transcending temporal politics, has used his
20 moral authority to hasten the fall of godless totali-
21 tarian regimes, symbolized in the collapse of the
22 Berlin wall;

23 (6) has promoted the inner peace of man as
24 well as peace among mankind through his faith-in-
25 spired defense of justice; and

1 (7) has thrown open the doors of the Catholic
2 Church, reconciling differences within Christendom
3 as well as reaching out to the world's other great re-
4 ligions.

5 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

6 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
7 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem-
8 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
9 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
10 medal of appropriate design to Pope John Paul II in rec-
11 ognition of his many and enduring contributions to peace
12 and religious understanding.

13 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
14 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
15 of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
16 “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
17 blems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the
18 Secretary.

19 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

20 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
21 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3
22 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe,
23 and at a price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, includ-
24 ing labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
25 penses, and the cost of the gold medal.

1 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

2 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
3 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
4 States Code.

5 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; PROCEEDS**
6 **OF SALE.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
8 hereby authorized to be charged against the Numismatic
9 Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000
10 to pay for the cost of the medal authorized by this Act.

11 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
12 sales of duplicate bronze medals under section 4 shall be
13 deposited in the Numismatic Public Enterprise Fund.

Passed the House of Representatives May 23, 2000.

Attest:

Clerk.